

**MR. J. G. OTIS DECLINES**

The Appointment of Loyal American General

FOR THE COUNTY OF SHAWNEE.

J. G. Samuelson Accepts the Appointment for Topeka and Will Organize the City.

Ex-Congressman Otis has declined, with thanks, the appointment of general of the Loyal Americans for the county of Shawnee, and Mr. D. M. Howard of Rossville has been tendered the position. Mr. Otis said that while he was in hearty sympathy with the purposes of the organization, yet he could not give up the time necessary to make the work a success. The organization began today in forty-two states.

Brigadier General Samuelson has accepted the appointment tendered him by Mr. Otis, and he says he will tomorrow announce the appointment of his colonels, who in turn will appoint captains. Every town will have a colonel and every precinct a captain. Mr. Samuelson says that he will organize three regiments of five companies each, and that the work of organization will be pushed rapidly into every ward and precinct of the city.

General Otis said that the organization was sure to be one of the strongest ever even conceived of, and that in many days the state will be thoroughly

canvassed and the organization made complete.

Any loyal American more than sixteen years old can become a member, and no admission fees are charged to charter members. The organizers receive nothing for their services.

**MRS. LEASE GOT OUT OF BED**

To Talk to a Reporter About Matters and Things.

Mary Elizabeth Lease was wakened up at 10:30 o'clock at night by a Wichita Eagle reporter who had an Associated press telegram in his hand, telling of Mrs. Lease's going to remove to California. The following is a part of the Eagle article:

After a short time spent in dressing Mrs. Lease came down stairs, but before going into the sitting room she turned into a bedroom, kissed her little daughter who was now wide awake, smoothed the pillows of the sickbed and smilingly entered the sitting room.

"Sorry to cause so much bother Mrs. Lease."

"Don't mention it. I am not disturbed in the least. My sleep is not very sound anyway you know, since Governor Lowell started to turn me down."

It is well to say here that Mrs. Lease's appearance contradicted the statement that her sleep was not sound. She never before, at any time or at any place, looked better than she did at this time, after her first sleep. She looked positively handsome.

Is there any truth in the rumor that you have secured land in California, and intend to make it your permanent home?

"There is, and there is not," she replied.

"State the facts, please."

"Well, sir, there is a Baptist minister at Salina, named Mr. Gashwiler, who has secured a body of land in Fresno county, California, and he has a big colonization scheme on hand. He has offers from some 300 acres of the land in consideration of which I am to become his colony in my lectures. It is beautiful land and the colonization scheme bids fair to be quite a success."

"Have you accepted his proposition?"

"No, not yet. It is a great temptation to me, and while there are land ties which bind me to Kansas, yet it is not impossible that I will accept the proposition and make my home in the great Commonwealth. I was there a year ago and became infatuated with the country and climate. I was told some time ago by friend that I ought to be at the head of a national movement, and in reply I stated that I was thinking of becoming a faroer and I probably will, I really hate to leave Wichita."

"It is probably then that you may become a faroer."

"The indications are very favorable."

"Governor Lowell is now in California."

"Oh, is he? I suppose he went there from Salt Lake, when he was fixing up the egg deal?"

"I didn't hear about that but had of the governor's partner shipped to Salt Lake. I understand the man who were bad eggs, and the Salt Lake people refused to pay for them. The governor went out there to avert the difficulty and I suppose he went from there to California."

"Does the governor really deal in eggs yet?"

"Why, certainly, and I understand his business is worth from \$7,000 to \$8,000 a year. He has a partner in the business and he is a Reproduct."

"Are you to remain at home now for some time?"

"No, indeed. I have a contract about closed with the Western League bureau for a ten months' engagement, during which I will lecture every night and many afternoons. This company has promised to deposit \$1,000 as a guarantee, and that shows you that business is meant."

"If you accept this engagement, then the trouble about your position on the state board of charities will be virtually settled."

"That is one of the reasons the contract has not been signed. When the proposition was made I thought that perhaps it was a scheme to get me away from the field of action in Kansas, but I did not like it."

"I asked for time to consider the matter and I was granted all the time I desired. This satisfied me that the Western League bureau was not convincing the Topeka crowd to get me out of the way."

" Didn't you contemplate organizing a new party?"

"No, I shall say, however, that I am a socialist, but that is no new party. It extends back to the time of Jesus Christ."

"Did you say that you met George R. Peck at St. Louis?"

"Certainly not. I have always stated that I saw Mr. Peck in a hotel dining room and afterwards for a few minutes in the parlor. The enemy has talked a good deal about that note I took upon the New Era, Cyrus McCormick's paper, and claims that I did it with Republican money. The truth is I have been making a little hay while the sun shone and I not only had money enough to take up the New Era note, but I took up a note nearly three times as large for the Topeka Advocate, the administration organ. They are not saying anything about this being done with Republican money. It was reported that I would become the head of a Populist daily paper at Topeka. This is not true. I have been offered editorial charge of the Populist daily paper at Omaha and refused it."

A LOW RESORT.

While the Police Have Allowed to Run Too Long.

The "Buckeye house," the notorious stone structure near the Kansas avenue bridge, was taken some six months free-for-all row about midnight last night.

George Buckner, who has been out of jail only a week, was drunk. There were several other people in the party also drunk.

Buckner had a revolver and he wanted to get in the house to kill Andy Morrison, he said. He furnished the revolver and used bad language. Officer Hicks arrested Buckner on the charge of being drunk and assault and battery, for which he was fined \$10. It ought to have been \$100. Hank Bayles, a man 60 years old, was another disturbing element at the place. His case was continued. This Buckeye house should be shut up by the police.

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**DANGER IN THE SCHOOLS.**

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Observe the listless, exhausted air, the pale faces of scholars about closing time. A prominent physician, speaking of Pres. Elliot's timely criticism of our grammar schools, says: "Our public schools are exhausting the vitality of our children."

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**NORTH TOPEKA.**

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

Ira M. Colburn of St. Louis, is visiting his mother for a few days.

Wm. Timor of Osage county, is visiting the family of A. O. Borabanch.

R. B. McMaster has recovered from an illness which kept him at home the past week.

The Entre Nous club is preparing to give another party some time next month.

The little daughter of Postmaster D. C. Hewitt is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Fannie Fitzgerald has returned to her home in Vandalia after visiting the family of D. E. Garner the past week.

L. H. Gillies of Excelsior Springs, Mo., has been here the past three days looking for a good place to start a jewelry store.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Robins, a newly married couple from Hillman are visiting the family of M. L. Gordon on Quincy street.

Rev. J. M. Wishart and Mrs. Ella Davis of Shorey, will be married next Wednesday, and will depart for San Francisco on the following day.

The old fashioned spelling school is to be revived by the ladies of the Presbyterian church at the residence of V. B. Kistler tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Chas. Steinberger, accompanied by her friend Mrs. Lydia Perkins of Hutchinson, has gone to May for a short visit among relatives and friends.

J. S. Crockett, father of J. E. Crockett, came from Iola a day or some months in Dakota Saturday. He has large property interests both here and there and divides his time between the two states.

Leroy, the little son of Gen. W. Smith, died of diphtheria yesterday afternoon at the family residence, corner of Gordon and Monroe streets. The body was taken to Aurora, Illinois, today for interment.

A meeting of the citizens living in the vicinity of Old ditch known as "Tanna's camp," was held last week and an organization was effected for the purpose of making an effort to obtain damages from the city. Their legal advisors tell them they have a good case and the suit will be instituted by some one of the disgruntled parties, who are designated, in order to make a test case. The expense will be borne equally by all who are interested.

The King brothers and their sister Miss Kate, request the State Journal to say that their names were used in connection with the Associated charities without their knowledge or consent, and that they are not part of the organization. They will continue in the future as they have done in the past, to render all the assistance possible to the needy poor in their own city, and no contributions entrusted to them will be gladly received and placed where they will do the most good.

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